



Aldersgate United Methodist Church
ASCENSION SUNDAY
Sunday, June 1, 2025

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Aldersgate is a significant place where disciples are made!

*With God's help and through prayer we GATHER as God's people,
GROW in faith and love, and GO into the world as Jesus' disciples.*

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship

GATHERING

***WORSHIP SONG** *Here I Am to Worship* Journey Band

***PASSING THE PEACE** Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandy Anderson

CHILDREN'S TIME Stacie DiGiacoma

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Sharon Owens

OFFERING PRAYER Anastasiia Sidorova

OFFERING SONG *Mercy* Journey Band

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** **2 Kings 5:1-14 (CEB)** Sandy Anderson

MESSAGE *What Paves the Way to Wholeness?* Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

***WORSHIP SONG** *Days of Elijah* Journey Band

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

***CLOSING SONG** *Fresh Wind* Journey Band

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Sandy Anderson and Gail Lodge

AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Liturgist: Sandy Anderson

Greeters: Bob Reis and Kathy Harding

Congregational Prayer: Sharon Owens

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Journey Band

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

At the River
arr. Copland

Mark Sobol/Anastasiia Sidorova

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barbara Buckley

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Barbara Buckley

L: Come, people of God, trusting in the One who provides for every need.

P: We gather to praise the God who leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

L: Even when the path is uncertain, God's hand sustains us; God's grace surrounds us.

P: In joy and in sorrow, in abundance and in need, our lives are held in God's faithful care.

L: Let us worship the One who watches over us, whose providence never fails.

All: We lift our hearts in gratitude and praise to the God who provides all things in love!

***HYMN, 131**

We Gather Together

KREMSER

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Hymnal page 39 -43 for congregational responses

Owen Joseph Lort

Parents: Andrew and Kayla Lort

Godparents: Morgan Tollinger & Gordon Edwards

SPECIAL MUSIC

This Little Light of Mine

Chancel Choir

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sharon Owens

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharon Owens

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Anastasiia Sidorova

OFFERTORY

O Rest in the Lord
Mendelssohn

Mark Sobol/Anastasiia Sidorova

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***DOXOLOGY**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***HYMN OF PREPARATION, 393**

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

2 Kings 5:1-14 (CEB)

Barbara Buckley

SERMON

What Paves the Way to Wholeness?

Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN, 140**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Soon and Very Soon

A.Crouch

Chancel Choir

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AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Greeters: Wendy Lindsey and Dan Murray

Liturgist: Barbara Buckley

Head Usher: Steve Davis

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Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Organist: Mark Sobol



REMINDERS...

- **Nursery and Childcare** is available in Rooms 132 & 137.
- **There is an elevator** located near the Fairfax Shopping Center doors.
- **Please refrain** from eating or drinking in the Sanctuary.
- **Altar Flowers:** contact Beverly Barker at (302) 584-4509 or e-mail at macbhal@aol.com; checks for contributions may be put in the Treasurer's mailbox in The HUB. Please include envelope number.
- **Prayer List, Visitation, and Persons to Encourage list:** prayerlist@aldersgatede.org
- **Messenger Articles & Photos:** E-mail messenger@aldersgatede.org.
- **Church Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 AM- 4 PM and Fridays 9 AM- 12 PM.
- **The Hughes Chapel** is open Monday-Friday during office hours.
- Stay home if you are not feeling well, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer, wear a mask if you wish and use your discretion to do what is best for you.

OUR CARING MINISTRY

**And this is the boldness we have in Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us. (1 John 5:14)**

The Peace Candle in the sanctuary reminds us to pray for those serving our country: Weston Stigler (grandson to Martha and Willis Weldin); Benjamin Lovett (Julia Shay's brother).

The flowers on the altar are *in memory of Kate Downham, a wonderful woman who was always a good friend and neighbor to our family* from Barbara Buckley, Carol Lamborn, & Joanne Capano.

Forwood Manor Worship Leader is Kitty Lugar.

The candle on the altar *is in memory of Mary Macklem* who passed away one year ago, June 4.

We extend our deepest condolences *to the family of Janet Reaver* who passed away on May 25.

Our Weekly Prayer List

Sympathy

Family and Friends of Kate Downham

Family and Friends of Diane Wojcik (Kym Kelly's Aunt)

Members & Friends

Aldersgate Staff Members

Betty and Paul Aldrich

Kim Anderson

Ralph & Emily Bankert

Susan Burch (Ken Roth's sister)

Angela DeMaio (Christy Zeigler's mother)

Casey Gryszkiewicz (Nancy Eder's nephew)

Chris Harvey

Karin Ingman

Gary Ireland

Patrick Kelly, Sr. (Kym Kelly's Father-in-law)
Mike Luternau
Anna Maansson
Jessica S. (Friend of Martha Weldin)
Samantha Spala (Family of Mark Wichmann)
Doris Springer
Jo Ann Bush

Prayer Points

- 1) Baptism of Owen Joseph Lort
- 2) Inspiration and joy of the Pen-Del Annual Conference
- 3) Help find ways to connect with neighbor churches and community partners

Catalyst Intercessory Prayer Points

- 1) Guide our work with the Lead Team.
- 2) Help us clearly see Aldersgate's next steps.
- 3) Gratitude for our Intercessory Prayer Team.



Aldersgate Core Values

Valuing Fellowship - Relating to and enjoying one another. Come as you are and belong before you believe. Life is better together.

Sharing Encouragement - Giving hope to those who need it.

Nurturing Families & Youth - Building up Christian homes so that they honor Christ.

Serving with Mobilized Laity - Equipping and empowering members to serve based on their gifts and interests. Working together in Christ's service. Learning to grow through doing & serving.

Pursuing Excellence - Maintaining high ministry standards that bring glory to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Good Samaritan Fund provides urgent/temporary assistance to individuals/families for help with rent or utility bills. Referral phone calls from people who urgently need assistance are received in the office and are referred to Friendship House where the applicants are screened. There is a tremendous need right now. We will be collecting NEXT SUNDAY, June 8 (Communion Sunday).
April 2025 Collection: \$ 720 May 2025 Collection: \$ 677

Hunger doesn't take a Vacation!! Donations of non-perishable, non-expired food items are being collected for the Neighborhood House Food Closet. Please donate from now until July 13th. AUMC Little Pantry donations will also continue to be collected, and the pantry filled on a weekly basis. The need in our community is great and donations are appreciated! Coordinated by Aldersgate Crazy Ladies and United Women in Faith

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

June 1 – Regular services; 9 AM Contemporary and 11 AM Traditional – NO Communion

June 8 – 1 Unified Worship Service at 10 AM for Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday – Communion and fellowship hour after the service in the auditorium.

June 15, 22, 29 - Regular services; 9 AM Contemporary and 11 AM Traditional

July and August - 1 Unified Worship Service at 10 AM – Communion the FIRST Sunday of the month

Come join us for Taste and See with WKC! - The Wilmington Kitchen Collective will host their "Taste and See" lunchtime market on the third Thursday of each month, here at Aldersgate UMC. The lunchtime market, which will be set up in the parking lot, will last from 11 AM-2 PM and will feature a food truck (or caterer), bakers, water ice, artisans and live music! Our next date is June 19!

Confirmation Sunday is June 8 with one service at 10 AM. We would love the congregation to help welcome our new members with a card or letter.

Our 2025 Confirmands: Daniel DiGiacoma, Juliette Erskine, Benjamin Lassiter, Morgan O'Hanlon, and Sienna Schott.

Card bags for each Confirmand will be set up in the Narthex on Confirmation Sunday or you may put them in Kyle Smith's mailbox, in The Hub. We will have a fellowship hour after the service in the auditorium.

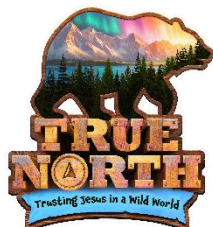
It's TIME to register for our 2025 Vacation Bible School - Don't let the heat scorch your summer!

Join us for an ARCTIC BLAST of snowy fun in the northern tundra as we learn to trust Jesus in a wild world. TRUE NORTH, this year's Vacation Bible School program, is accepting registrations for all types of volunteers and participants. Call or email Pam Downey, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, pam.downey@aldersgatede.org, with questions!

To register as a participant or volunteer scan the QR code:



We need a Glacier Games Leader – please see Pam Downey if you can help!



REMINDER NEXT SUNDAY, June 8, there is ONE Unified worship service at 10 AM for Pentecost/Confirmation. There will be a fellowship hour after the service.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 1, 2025

9:00a Contemporary Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00a Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, June 2, 2025

5:30p Wilmington Drama Kids
6:30 Troop #67
7:00 Communications, Zoom

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

10:00a Worship Design Team, 237/zoom
6:00p Trustees

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

10:00 Staff Meeting, 237
6:00p Cub Scouts Pack #67; 137, FH, RR
6:00 Journey Band, Sanctuary
7:00 Handbells, Handbell Room

Thursday, June 5, 2025

6:00p Girls Scout Troop #129
7:00 Brass Rehearsal, Music Center

Friday, June 6, 2025

Saturday, June 7, 2025

